

THE WEATHER.
Washington, D. C., July 2.—Illinois:
Showers Tuesday; clearer except in ex-
treme northeast. Wednesday fair, light
to fresh north to northeast winds.

SIXTY-SIX YEARS.

THE INQUEST SHEDS NO LIGHT ON DISASTER

English Officials Make No Effort to Learn the Cause of Plymouth Accident.

Long July 2.—Inhabitant of Plymouth, England, and his family, were killed by the explosion of a boiler in the Plymouth Express Sunday morning. The inquiry into the cause of the disaster is being prepared for their trial.

Richard H. Searles took a party of ten friends to London on his vacation. The party was on the Plymouth Express Sunday morning. The inquiry into the cause of the disaster is being prepared for their trial.

ROOSEVELT TAKES IT EASY

Had a Day of Undisturbed Rest in Oyster Bay.

Oyster Bay, July 2.—President Roosevelt today had his first day of rest and complete relaxation from official cares since Congress assembled last December. All work was barred at Sagamore Hill today. The president was not disturbed by calls from his Oyster Bay neighbors, contenting themselves with the promise of a speech on the Fourth of July when they will extend their summer welcome.

J. E. TURNER IS SECURED

As Head of Academy and Professor of Physics.

THE BOARD MEETS.

Financial Statement For the Year—Officers Elected.

The July meeting of the board of managers of the James Millikin university was held last evening at 7 o'clock in the rooms of the board at the university. In addition to the regular routine business, President Taylor submitted the financial summary for the college year closing July 1, which



PROF. J. E. TURNER.

THAW WILL NOT BE ARRAIGNED UNTIL OCTOBER

His Valet, Wm Bedford, An Important Witness, Is Dead.

New York July 2.—The probabilities are now that Harry Kendall Thaw will hardly be arraigned before October. This is owing largely to the fact that most courts will be in recess during the summer.

The death today of Thaw's valet, William Bedford, in the Presbyterian hospital from complications following an operation for appendicitis, removed an important witness from the case.

SCRATCH PROVES FATAL

Child Dies of Blood Poisoning Following a Self-Inflicted Wound.

Geol A. Pierce, the three-months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Pierce, died at the family residence 1560 North Calhoun street, at 3 o'clock Monday morning. The cause of the child's death was blood poisoning, which originated from a scratch on his head which was made by his own finger nails. Blood poisoning set in about a week ago and resulted in the child's death.

SANDERS-SYERS NUPTIALS

Wedding Will Be Quietly Celebrated This Evening.

The wedding of Miss Eleanor Dolly Syers of this city and James B. Sanders of near Springfield, will take place this evening at 7 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church. Rev. W. H. Peck will perform the ceremony. The wedding will be a simple affair. C. D. Syers Jr. and Miss Lee of Chicago will act as bridesmaid and best man.

BURNED BY CARBOLIC ACID

Injuries to Little Dollie Covey Are Expected to Result Fatally.

Dollie Covey, the little thirteen-months old daughter of William Covey, who lives at 101 North Second street, was burned by carbolic acid. The child was playing with a bottle of carbolic acid and poured some of it on her face and neck. The child is now in a critical condition and is expected to die.

NO ELBOW GLOVES; GIRL BORROWS RAZOR

Unusual Accident Due to Short Sleeve Crave.

Logansport Ind. July 2.—Miss Mabel Blanche wanted to wear elbow gloves on her summer gowns but there were no gloves. She told her friend C. W. Rhinehart about them. Sure that was said he said "Shave em off! I'll loan you my razor."

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Monthly Statement Shows a Decrease of \$17,519,005.

Washington, July 2.—The public debt June 30 less cash in the treasury was \$963,455,885 a decrease of \$17,519,005. At the close of business June 30 the total obligation of national bank notes was \$21,112,350 an increase for the year of \$61,297,554 and an increase for the month of \$1,957,760.

OLD CHERRY TREE YIELDS 12 CRATES

Platform for Picking from Long Branches.

Rogers, Ark., July 2.—Wilson Coghill who resides two miles southwest of Rogers, has a remarkable cherry tree. It measures four feet in circumference and is 60 years old and has been bearing fruit over 40 years. It is what is known as a May cherry and seldom fails. This year Coghill gathered 12 crates from the old tree and sold them for \$175 a crate. The limbs of the tree are very large and extensive and in order to gather all of the fruit a platform was built in the fork of the tree, which aided the gatherers in reaching the fruit.

ACKLING HENS SAVE OWNER'S PROPERTY.

Hartford City Ind., July 2.—Like the geese that saved the city of Rome from the unlooked for assault of an enemy, a flock of chickens prevented a burglary of the home of Lew Whitaker in this city. Whitaker was awakened by the cackling hens and arose and dressed to see what was causing the disturbance in his henry. As he descended the stairs he noticed a man climb through a window and disappear in the darkness.

VACATION VOTED REV. VAN CLEVE

Grace Church Decides Not To Join In The Union Services.

An important meeting of the official board of Grace Methodist church was held last evening and it was decided that the church would not unite with others in union services but would continue services as heretofore.

The board voted to grant Rev. Joseph W. VanCleve a vacation of one month and permitted him to select his own time.

HENRY MELSMA SLOWLY DYING

Farm Hand Found Along Side Of The C. H. & D. Road.

Gradually dying as a result of his skull being crushed by a train, Henry Melsma, a farm hand who is employed near Plymouth, was found along the C. H. & D. track about fifteen miles east of Decatur. He was brought to this city yesterday morning and taken to the hospital and Dr. Will Taylor and Dr. Will Chenoweth were called to attend him. The only chance for preventing immediate death was to remove a portion of the skull, which was done. A portion of his skull was removed in the hopes of saving his life but there seems to be little chance for the unfortunate man.

HIG BASS PULLED HIM INTO STREAM.

Swedenborg, N. J., July 2.—Fishing for bass this season is the pastime of every man and boy who can get a half day off. There are fish stories galore, of course, but Fred Hagg comes to the front with one—saying that while he was on a log he hooked one, and in trying to land the fish, was pulled into the water. Just before this he caught one that weighed within two ounces of four pounds.

C. & A. OFFICIALS ARE ON TRIAL.

Charged with Granting Rebates to a Chicago Packing Firm.

Chicago, July 2.—John L. Clinton and Fred A. Wann former officials of the Chicago and Alton railroad, were on trial in the United States District court in the charge of granting illegal rebates to the Chicago Packing firm and Sulzberger Packing company of this city.

BURGLAR SWIMS HALF A MILE

Entered the residence of Mrs. Sullivan, a widow, this afternoon stole valuable goods and a necklace. When chased by the police and the sheriff, the burglar dropped the coat jumped into the Chippewa river and swam half a mile, while men on both sides of the river followed. The burglar finally was carried close to the shore by the current and captured. The stolen property was recovered. The prisoner gave his name as Alfred Prusner.

FATHER AND TWO CHILDREN HURT

Irving Mauley tampering with a Toy Cannon Explodes Powder.

Corvett Pa., July 2.—While cleaning a toy cannon in his dooryard with his two children about him Irving Mauley was burned by an explosion of powder today and the two boys Robert, aged 10, and Walter, aged 8 years, are in a critical condition. A can of powder standing near the trio and a head of a match flew off when it was struck, falling into the powder. The house was considerably damaged by the explosion.

VIFE ABANDONMENT.

Wily ones Of Monticello Was Caught At Ottawa.

Sheriff Clev of Monticello arrived in the city last night with a prisoner, Willy Jones, who was arrested at Ottawa. He is wanted in Platt county for wife and child abandonment. The sheriff stopped here and put his prisoner in jail and will leave early this morning for Monticello.

DIED OF CONSUMPTION.

Mrs. Alice M. Walter Was a Victim of Consumption.

Mrs. Alice M. Walter, aged 29 years, died of consumption at the home of her mother, Mrs. Trunk 1520 East Locust street last night, after six months' illness. She leaves two children, Guy and Winnifred. The funeral will be held at 10 a. m. July 4, from the house.

CHINESE REBELS BUSY.

Saanghail, July 2.—Secret societies are taking advantage of the continued disorders caused by the dearness of rice and are working actively in the province of Cheking, especially near Hang Chow.

GET AFTER THE SUPERINTENDENT

Some of the Aldermen Think Curran Doesn't Move Fast Enough.

MUCH ROUTINE WORK

Engaged Attention of The Council Last Night.

The city council transacted a great volume of business last night. There were passed twenty-four ordinances. Most all of these however, were ordinances for new walks. Many resolutions were passed and a lot of other business came up.

The only matter that created much discussion was a resolution that the city comptroller advertise for bids for hauling away dirt standing in the streets. It called forth quite a lot of talk about the street superintendent Aldermen Fahay, Oldridge and Dillehunt thought that the street superintendent was slow about getting the dirt off the street. Alderman Montgomery agreed with the others and it was decided to advertise to have it hauled away.

ing the city. The law provides that the city must receive bids. The offer of Mr. Webber was held to stand as an offer on the property.

Ordinances were passed for the following brick walks:

- On south side of Condit from Morgan to Clinton
- On south side of Division from Morgan to Clinton
- On south side of Clar from Clayton to Jasper
- On north side of Leafland avenue from Railroad avenue to Calhoun
- On west side of Charles from Condit to Leafland avenue
- On south side of Cantrell from Silas to Traver
- On west side of Peake from Cantrell to Lawrence

Concrete Walks.

Ordinances were on recommendation passed for the following walks:

- On east side of North Union from Eldorado to Cerro Gordo street. Walk is to be laid
- On north side of West Decatur from Fairview avenue to McClellan avenue
- On north side of West Green from Oakland to Fairview avenue
- On north side of East Wood from Jasper to Fourth street
- On south side of West Decatur from Fairview to McClellan avenue
- On west side of Jasper from William to Prairie
- On south side of West Main from end of present walk to the brick school house at the city limits
- On west side of North Church in 1500 block
- On north side of East Prairie from Jasper to Stock
- On west side of North Union from Pugh to Illinois Central tracks
- On east side of North Union from Pugh to Illinois Central tracks
- On east side of Jasper from William to Prairie
- On west side of Fairview avenue from Decatur street to Forest avenue
- On the south side of Prairie, beginning at the walk between Hilton and Cassel and connecting with the walk at East avenue and First street and thence east to Fourth street.

Accept West Macon.

The board of local improvements reported that the paving of West Macon street from Oakland to Fairview avenue was finished and had been accepted by the board. The total cost was \$8,807.95 and the city share was \$4,251.15. The board asked that the city accept the work and pay its share.

Other Business.

The ordinance committee recommended the passage of an ordinance vacating certain streets in the Allen tract on East Main street. The report was adopted and the ordinance passed.

On recommendation an ordinance for a six inch water pipe on Whitmer street from Webster to Peake was passed.

New Work.

On recommendation of committee the following work was ordered:

- That a crossing be put in across the alley on the west side of Crenshaw street south of Decatur street and that the alley be graded.
- That the sidewalks on the south side of Macon street in the 1100 block be raised to grade.
- That a new plank crossing be put in at the corner of Condit and Clinton and that the crossing at Condit and Warren be repaired.
- That the sidewalk on the south side of Decatur between Broadway and Jackson be raised.

Will Sell Coal Rights.

The ordinance providing for the sale of the coal rights under the old city dump was read. It was recommended for passage by the ordinance committee. Alderman Montgomery made quite a talk about the improvement of the city. He said he had an offer for the city to sell the coal rights for \$75 an acre was a high price for coal rights. He spoke at length about beautifying the city. He said the only way he got for his labor was to see the working men enjoying their Sunday in the park. He added that he did not want anything and added:

East End Neglected.

Mr. Fahay talked in answer to Montgomery and said that the third ward alderman was liberal when he was but the east end was not looked after. He thought that the east end got the worst of it.

Mr. Montgomery said he did not want to boast but that he had been instrumental in giving 654 street railroad tickets to the park children for children of the east end so that they could go to their homes.

Alderman Sufferman made an amendment that the coal rights be sold to the highest bidder and for no less than \$1,000. After some discussion the ordinance as amended was passed.

Webber's Offer.

Mr. Montgomery had an offer from A. G. Webber. He offers to give \$100 an acre for the coal rights under the dump acres provided that the money be expended within a year in beautifying

